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Dear Parent / Carer,

It is wonderful to be welcoming our students back in to school this week as we commence with a new school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome in particular to our new Year 7's, who have certainly hit the ground running and settled in to the routines of secondary school. They are a fantastic year group and we are really excited to welcome them to Winterton Community Academy. I would also like to introduce the new staff members who have joined our team this summer.

I would therefore like to extend a warm welcome to: Mr Cooper – Teacher of Geography, joining us from The Gainsborough Academy; Miss Bates – Teacher of English, joining us from The Tollbar Academy and Mr Reed – Teacher of Physical Education, who is starting his career with us. I would also like to welcome Mrs Rhymer-Newbold who has taken up the position of Attendance Inclusion Officer and Mrs Thompson who has joined us as a Learning Mentor. I am delighted that we have been able to make such strong appointments within each of these roles and I know they will have a really positive impact on our pupils.

Please be aware that this year, our Heads of Year are aligned to their year groups as follows:

Year 7 – Miss Dennison

Year 9 – Miss Graves

Year 9 – Miss Holmes

Year 10 – Mr Hodge

Year 11 – Miss Dumbill

Your child's form-tutor should be the first point of contact for communicating with school on most pupil related matters, they can be contacted either by email or by contacting reception.

We have taken the decision this year to move away from our traditional student planners. Instead, we are moving towards making better use of the technology that is available, notably the school app. Through this, we are able to set homework electronically, meaning parents and pupils can log in and easily view all of the work that has been set. We intend to embed the use of the app further, allowing us to communicate more effectively with you as a parent and give you more control over the information that you can access. This will be a phased approach and further communications will follow. We have given our students a notebook to allow them to make notes, record any key information that they may need to remember, including their homework until such a time that this is available through the app.

I would like to thank you for supporting the school and helping us to set high standards and expectations of your children. This includes upholding standards for school uniform. A polite reminder that for those students who are wearing the new uniform, that plain black skirts are not an acceptable part of this uniform. Students can either wear the pleated skirt or grey school trousers as was communicated earlier in the summer. Students are also expected to wear the correct footwear, which should be plain black and polishable. We appreciate the expense of school uniform and we want to do all that we can to support you, however, often the items that students choose to wear as an alternative are more expensive than the original uniform and it is a personal choice as opposed to one of circumstances. If you have any concerns with regards to any aspect of the school uniform, then please liaise with your relevant form tutor in the first instance.

I would also like to remind you of the importance of school attendance. I wrote to you in the summer to share that I would not be able to authorise routine holidays during term time and that these are expected to be taken during the school holidays. Missed time from school directly impacts on the progress your child make, therefore please do all you can to drive high levels of attendance for your child(ren). I would also like to remind you that if your child is absent from school, for each day of absence, you are required to notify school in a timely manner and ideally before 8.30am. This ensures that safeguarding measures can be put in place swiftly and that we have accurate fire registers in school in case of an emergency.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year to ensure that your child is safe, happy and successful.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Rowlands', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Rowlands